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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2023

TO: Frank Foster

SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand three hundred and ninety-nine, (2399) individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and twenty-six, (226) possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and fifteen (115) were acting as supervisors. Seven hundred and forty-seven (747) individuals' certifications have been suspended due to failed pre-employment drug and alcohol screenings.

Marijuana is the number one item that people are failing for, followed by prescription drugs. Eight-hundred and thirty-three (833) individuals have been reinstated. Eighty-six (86) individuals are currently in a treatment plan. Eighty-one (81) persons have been permanently revoked for failing a second substance abuse test.

Over one-thousand four hundred, (1,400) individuals are currently suspended or have not requested to be reinstated after serving their 3-year suspension from coal mining. There have been two-hundred and thirty-seven (238) no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and one (301) individuals have had their safety sensitive cards temporarily suspended due to failure of the substance abuse urine test given by the employer.

Historical Information (Suspensions by Year)

2013-2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
593	274	114	216	383	279	162	131	200	47

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Certifications Issued From 03/01/2023 Through 03/31/2023

		2023 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	65	133
Truck Driver:	39	111
Apprentice Surface Miner:	200	516
Apprentice Underground Miner:	214	515
Underground Miner:	141	387
Surface Miner:	97	267
Shot Firer:	6	10
Underground Mine Foreman:	27	82
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	13	34
Surface Mine Foreman:	7	23
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		
Surface Construction Super:	4	13
Mine Rescue:	5	11
Gas Tester:	1	9
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		
Belt Examiner:	4	18
Mine Rescue Instructor:	2	2
40-Hour Instructor:	1	8
80-Hour Instructor:	4	11
Electrician:	26	76
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:		2
Qualified Clearing Crew:	10	42
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	12	12
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	367	916
EMT-Mining:	165	210
EMT-Mining Instructor:	4	8
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	4	4
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		1
Total Certifications Issued:	1,418	3,422
Tests Administered:	1,208	2,901
Duplicates Issued:	204	523
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	41	97
Certifications Revoked:	67	150

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 03/01/2023 Through 03/31/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	32
Truck Driver:	8
Apprentice Surface Miner:	6
Apprentice Underground Miner:	120
Underground Miner:	67
Surface Miner:	7
Shot Firer:	4
Underground Mine Foreman:	9
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	5
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	2
Mine Rescue:	2
Gas Tester:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	2
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	2
Electrician:	7
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	1
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	132
EMT-Mining:	58
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	3
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 468
 Tests Administered:	 434
 Duplicates Issued:	 37
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 11
 Certifications Revoked:	 19

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 03/01/2023 Through 03/31/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	4
Truck Driver:	3
Apprentice Surface Miner:	72
Apprentice Underground Miner:	8
Underground Miner:	12
Surface Miner:	23
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	4
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	6
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	1
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	7
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	29
EMT-Mining:	14
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 191
 Tests Administered:	 162
 Duplicates Issued:	 17
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 16
 Certifications Revoked:	

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 03/01/2023 Through 03/31/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	23
Truck Driver:	6
Apprentice Surface Miner:	64
Apprentice Underground Miner:	57
Underground Miner:	39
Surface Miner:	29
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	5
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Mine Rescue:	3
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	2
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	4
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	5
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	4
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	63
EMT-Mining:	36
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 345
 Tests Administered:	 306
 Duplicates Issued:	 43
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 12
 Certifications Revoked:	 14

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 03/01/2023 Through 03/31/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	6
Truck Driver:	21
Apprentice Surface Miner:	58
Apprentice Underground Miner:	29
Underground Miner:	22
Surface Miner:	34
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	9
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	8
Surface Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	2
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	9
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	3
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	125
EMT-Mining:	57
EMT-Mining Instructor:	2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 389
 Tests Administered:	 290
 Duplicates Issued:	 98
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 1
 Certifications Revoked:	 34

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 03/01/2023 Through 03/31/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	1
Surface Miner:	4
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	18
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 25
 Tests Administered:	 16
 Duplicates Issued:	 9
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 1
 Certifications Revoked:	